

Brookins attended graduate school at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. to earn an Executive Masters in Policy Management. He then served a year as an action officer in the Psychological Operations Division in the Operations Division (J-3) on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon. Later he was selected to serve as the Operations Officer (Special Assistant) to The Inspector General of the Army (3-Star General) in the Pentagon. Major Brookins was a White House Military Social Aide to President George W. Bush from September 2005 to June 2007.

In July 2008, LTC Brookins became the Operations Officer for 6-52 ADA, Fort Sill, OK. He then forward stationed the battalion to South Korea where he served as the Operations and Executive Officer for 6-52 ADA from April 2009 to January 2011. Later, he was assigned to the UNC/CFC/USFK Commander's Initiatives Group as the CIG Traveler, accompanying the UNC/CFC/USFK Commander (4-Star General) on all of his TDYs off peninsula from January 2011 to June 2012. Currently, LTC Brookins is assigned to the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, Norfolk, VA as a Force Protection Plans Officer.

LTC Brookins holds a Bachelor of Social Work Degree from Jackson State University and an Executive Masters of Policy Management Degree from Georgetown University. His military education includes Airborne School, Air Assault School, the Primary Leadership Development Course, the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic, the Air Defense Artillery Captains Career Course and the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Joint Combined Warfighting School.

His awards include: the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the three Meritorious Service Medals, two Joint Service Commendation Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, the Army Good Conduct Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Medal, two Overseas Medals, two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Basic Airborne Wings, Air Assault Wings, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Joint Staff Identification Badge.

LTC Brookins is an active member of the Rocks, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and Society of White House Military Aides. LTC Brookins is married to Jenée E. Brookins. They have a 17 year old son named Javier and an 12 year old daughter named Bailey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing LTC Dexter M. Brookins. for his dedication to serving others.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF BRYAN  
WHITNER

**HON. MARK MEADOWS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 26, 2018*

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Bryan Whitner of the Canton

Police Department in Haywood County, North Carolina. On behalf of the citizens of Western North Carolina, I would like to thank Chief Whitner for over 30 years of outstanding service to the people of the Town of Canton and Haywood County.

Chief Whitner began his career with law enforcement as a Waynesville Police Department Patrol Officer in 1987. He then served as a Canton Police Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain until he was promoted to Chief of Police in 2010. Chief Whitner faithfully served as the lead criminal investigator for 17 years during his time in office. During his career, Chief Whitner obtained law enforcement accreditation for the Canton Police Department through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, a large accomplishment for the Canton Police Department.

As a Tuscola High School graduate, Haywood Community College graduate, and Western Carolina University graduate, Chief Whitner has been a long-time student of institutions in Western North Carolina. Chief Whitner received his associate of applied science degree in criminal justice technology from Haywood Community College in 1998 and later received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Western Carolina University in 2006.

Over the course of his career, Chief Whitner has served on numerous committees, including Child Fatality Review, Kids Advocacy Resource, Law Enforcement Planning Committee, DWI Task Force and Haywood Community College Curriculum Advisory Committee. Chief Whitner's dedication to excellence has made him a wonderful Chief, and his commitment to the Canton community has made him beloved by many. The outreach programs he initiated in Canton schools will have an impact on the Town of Canton for many years to come.

Chief Whitner has earned the respect of his community through his commitment a the Canton Police Department and engagement in the community. For his abiding service to the people of Western North Carolina, I am privileged to express to Chief Whitner the gratitude and best wishes of the people of North Carolina on his retirement.

HONORING MRS. GLORIA  
RICHMOND JACKSON

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 26, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Gloria Richmond Jackson.

Gloria Richmond Jackson came into this world on a windy day in March of 1957. She is the eleventh of thirteen children born to Floyd and Earnestine Richmond. She spent her early years on the Adams Plantation, three miles southwest of Lambert, Mississippi in Quitman County.

She left the State of Mississippi in 1972, and spent 33 years living in Louisiana, Texas, California and Illinois. In 2005, the Lord led her back to Lambert to work with the youth; but the true blessing of her return was the loving and nurturing relationship that developed between her and her mother who passed away July 17, 2011.

Jackson's mission quickly led her to become immersed in community work. In June 2005, she began working with the youth at the North Delta Youth Development Center in Lambert. As Director of The Children's Village Project, she encouraged them by sharing her story of trials and triumphs in an attempt to assist them with healthy development.

Jackson is proud of her southern upbringing and credits a lot of her accomplishments as a direct result of having a wonderful mother. She describes her mother as being, "Mississippi Strong." Her mother wasn't afraid to get involved with the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's. She worked with others to help get African Americans register to vote in Quitman County. She even defied the Superintendent of Education's warning, that if any of the school bus drivers participated in a Freedom March with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., they would be fired. She marched, but kept her job as a Bus Driver for the elementary school in Lambert.

Mrs. Earnestine Richmond's positive impact wasn't limited to only a few of her children: Her first-born daughter, Tressie Richmond Woods, in 1965 became the first African American to work as a Loan Officer for the Quitman County Farmers Home Administration, located in Marks, Mississippi.

Her daughter, Evon Richmond Ector, participated in the now famous, "Poor People's Mule Train March to Washington" in 1968.

Her daughter Mae Richmond Mosley was the first African American to become Vice President of Human Resources for Briggs and Stratton Engines Corporation in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from 2003 to 2007 when she retired.

Gloria Richmond Jackson, her youngest daughter, was the first African American to attend Lambert Jr. High School in 1969. Five of Mrs. Richmond's sons have owned businesses: Edgar Richmond (Automotive Repair Shop) Chicago, Illinois. Benjamin and Leo Richmond, co-owners (Bar and Lounge) Chicago, Illinois. Charles Richmond (Vending Machine Service Company, St. Louis, Missouri and a Home Health Service Company with locations in St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri). James Richmond currently owns an Automotive Towing Service in Wellston, Missouri.

Jackson was appointed to the position of Town Clerk for Lambert, June 13, 2016. Prior to her appointment as Town Clerk, she was employed with Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Inc. of Lambert, Mississippi for eight years. There she worked as a Data Research Associate and Abstinence Educator in the Quitman, South Panola and Coahoma Municipal School Districts.

Her career with American Airlines began at O'Hare Airport in Chicago, Illinois in 1989; it spanned for over fifteen years. She started out at American while working evenings in Facilities Maintenance, concurrently attending Catherine Business College at night. After graduation, she was promoted to Ticket Counter Agent, two years later she was promoted to Sales Support Representative, and later she accepted the position of City Ticket Office Sales Representative until 2001. At that time she returned to Chicago O'Hare Airport to fill a position as Premium Service Representative in the very same office where she once worked as a janitor (Facilities Maintenance). Following a seven-year leave from American

Airlines, she returned to work at AA in 2012, commuting from Lambert to Chicago for seven months. She retired May 13, 2013 after fifteen years of dutiful service.

Jackson is a Baptist Minister and Assistant Pastor, Sunday School Teacher and Lecturer at Pleasant Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Lambert, Mississippi under the leadership of Pastor Reginald Griffin.

She is a Published Author, "Leaving Lambert" (a painful journey to joy in God from a small Mississippi town) Inspirational Speaker, Certified Abstinence Educator, Data Researcher and Retired Premium Service Representative.

Jackson also entered into the political arena where she ran for Quitman County Tax Assessor and also ran for Chancery Clerk. She remains engaged in community activities, writing, her church ministry and mentoring the youth of Quitman County.

In December 2010; Jackson married Robert L. Jackson, Mississippi State Senator for District 11. They have a blended family of six children, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Gloria Richardson Jackson for her dedication in serving her community.

HONORING LLOYD CLINTON  
"SONNY" MARTIN

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**  
OF VIRGINIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Monday, March 26, 2018*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I honor the life of Lloyd Clinton "Sonny" Martin of Pennington Gap. Sonny passed away on March 8, 2018 at the age of 82. He was a man who devoted himself to helping people in Lee County, whether his customers or his community at large.

Sonny made his living as a community banker, spending over 60 years in the business, most notably at Powell Valley National Bank (PVNB). He began as a loan officer, subsequently rose to president and chief executive officer, and remained active on the board until the end of his life. In addition, he served two terms as a member of the Virginia Bankers Association Board of Directors. Devoted to helping people, and talented at it, Sonny made customer service a hallmark of his career. According to PVNB Executive Vice President Leton Harding as quoted in the Kingsport Times-News, Sonny's philosophy was, "We

are a true community bank serving everyone in the community."

Sonny improved Southwest Virginia through his career, but he found other ways to do so as well. As a member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board, first as a representative of the Bristol District and then as an at-large member for rural areas, he advocated for Southwest Virginia's interests. After Lee County's hospital closed in 2013, he led the search for ways to reopen it. He also served on the Pennington Gap Town Council. Sonny was a veteran of the United States Army and a member of the First Baptist Church in Pennington Gap. In 2004, he cast a vote for president as an elector in the Elector College. In recognition of his contributions to the Commonwealth of Virginia, he received the Patrick Henry Award.

Survivors include Sonny's wife of 59 years, Joyce, daughters Mary Virginia "Jennie" and husband Scott Joy and Karen and husband Tony LaScola, and granddaughters Lauren and Carolyn Joy. I offer my condolences to his family, as well as my gratitude for all his services on behalf of Southwest Virginia.